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SUBJECT: RADAR AT E-1

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH WEIZMAN JANUARY 4, I ASKED WHETHER HE HAD RAISED THE SUBJECT OF E-1 RADAR DURING HIS MEETINGS WITH GAMASY. HE SAID INDEED HE HAD DECIDED NOT TO RAISE IT AT THIS POINT. HE ASSUMED THAT IF THE PEACE PROCESS WENT AHEAD THE ISSUE WOULD BECOME IRRELEVANT, AND THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THIS WAS THE MOMENT TO BRING IT UP.

2. I TOLD HIM THAT I UNDERSTOOD HIS POINT AND WAS NOT URGING ANY ACTION ON HIM. I TOLD HIM HE SHOULD KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE GOE WAS PROCEEDING WITH ITS CONTRACTING NEGOTIATIONS. IF HE WANTED TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT, HE SHOULD PROBABLY DO SO WHEN HE SEES GAMASY AGAIN IN MID-JANUARY. HE TOOK THE POINT. SINCE HE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE RADAR WOULD NOT BE DELIVERED FOR TWO YEARS, AND SINCE HE IS OBVIOUSLY ASSUMING A SINAI SETTLEMENT IS LIKELY AND WILL LEAD TO THE RELOCATION OF THE RADAR

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IN ANY EVENT, I RATHER DOUBT THAT HE WILL INDEED TAKE UP THE MATTER, THOUGH HE MAY.

3. IN LIGHT OF THIS CONVERSATION, I AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR EILTS THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD NOT GO AHEAD TO APPROVE SIGNING OF THE RADAR CONTRACT WHEN IT IS READY. WE HAVE GIVEN THE ISRAELIS ALL THE

INFORMATION AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS IT DIRECTLY
WITH THE EGYPTIANS. IF THEY CHOOSE NOW NOT TO DO SO,
I BELIEVE OUR SKIRTS ARE CLEAN.
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